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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0836

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM, SN

SUBJ: POSSIBLE SINGAPORE RATIFICATION NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

REF: STATE 037797

1. DEPUTY UK HIGH COMMISSIONER WATTS ADVISED DCM HE HAD HAD LONG DISCUSSION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG AT WHICH TIME HE HAD URGED GOS TO RATIFY NPT. HE SAID TAN SEEMED QUITE RECEPTIVE AND INDICATED GOS WOULD GIVE EARLY AND PROBABLY FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THIS MATTER. THIS WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY BASIS FOR UK ESTIMATE THAT SINGAPORE WAS PROMISING CANDIDATE FOR EARLY RATIFICATION. HOWEVER, WATTS WARNED THAT NEITHER MFA NOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS ADEQUATE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TO DEAL WITH SUCH PROBLEMS, AND THAT THEREFORE THERE ARE QUITE A FEW INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS WHICH SINGAPORE HAS WILLINGLY SIGNED BUT HAS NOT BOTHERED TO RATIFY. THEREFORE, HE WAS NOT AT ALL SURPRISED AT THE DELAY AND SEEMED TO THINK THAT IN DUE COURSE GOS WOULD TAKE POSITIVE ACTION.

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2. APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE WEEKS AGO, DCM RAISED WITH TAN BOON

SENG QUESTION OF NPT RATIFICATION, AND TAN SAID GOS WOULD "STUDY IT" (THIS HAS BEEN STOCK GOS RESPONSE WHEN THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED IN THE PAST). FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF ANOTHER MATTER LAST WEEK, DCM AGAIN MENTIONED NPT RATIFICATION AND TAN SAID THE FILE WAS ON HIS DESK.

3. COMMENT: IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE BRITISH MAY BE RIGHT AND THAT ONLY BUREAUCRATIC DELAY HAS PREVENTED GOS RATIFICATION OF NPT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT GOS MAY BE DELIBERATELY DRAGGING ITS HEELS AND INTENDS TO DELAY RATIFICATION UNTIL ITS MOST POWERFUL NEIGHBOR, INDONESIA, RATIFIES THE TREATY. ON BALANCE, WE THINK IT UNLIKELY GOS WILL RATIFY NPT IN NEAR FUTURE. CRONK

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